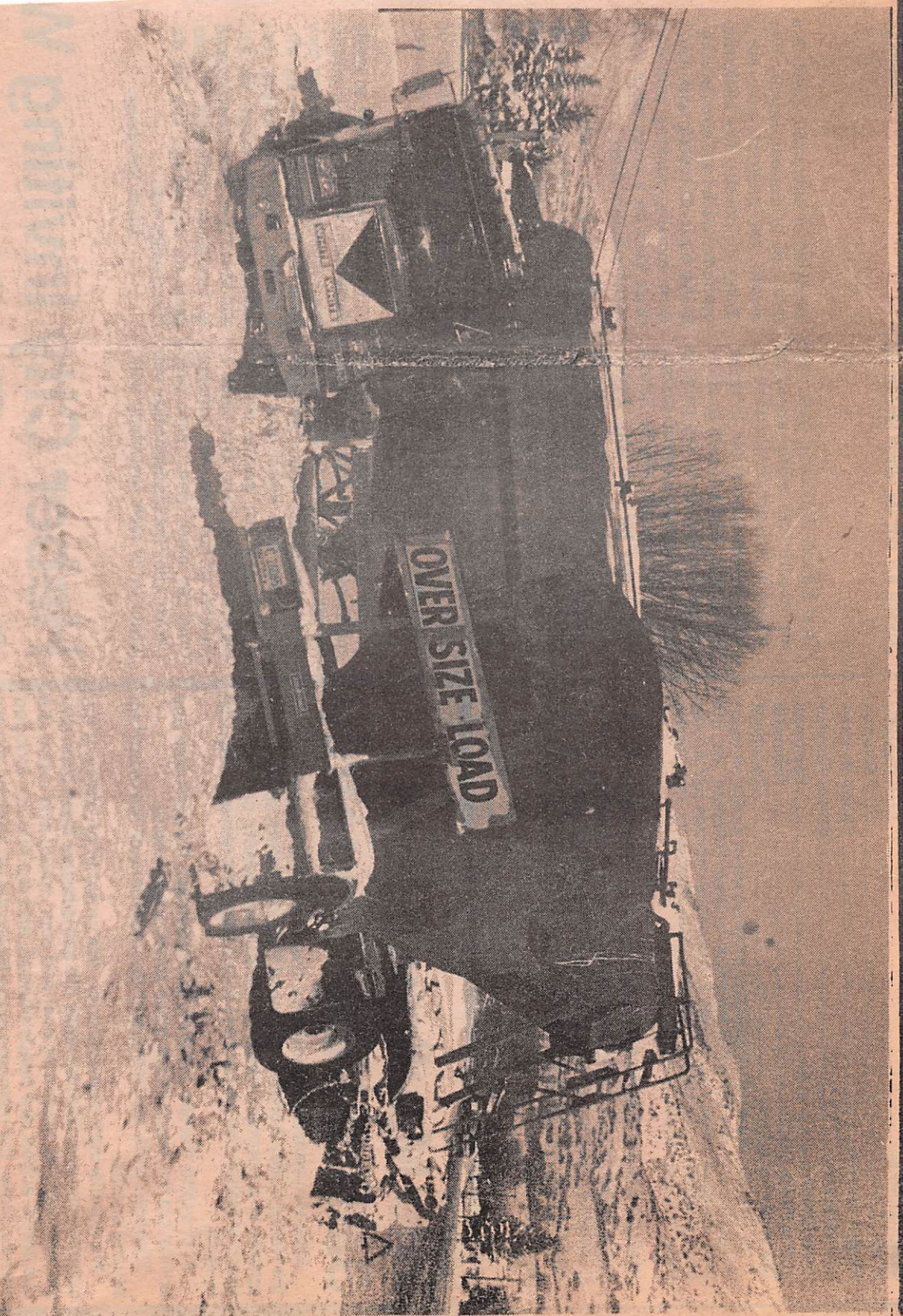


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Winter Strikes!

A devastating combination of heavy snow, followed by sub-zero cold and icy roads, created a rash of accidents around the County. This truck was a victim of the elements in a Sunday evening mishap. Due to a rash of accidents, wrecker crews have been swamped with requests to pull vehicles back onto the road after encountering icy conditions.

New Vehicle Registrations Will Be Available Every Weekday

At the request of the state, Wasatch County is taking over the responsibility of issuing new automobile registrations. Since county employees will be trained and will be available during county office hours, registrations may be obtained Monday through Friday.

In the past, the State has sent an employee to Wasatch County to issue the registrations only on Wednesdays.

Commission Chairman Lorin Allred said the alternative would have been for Wasatch residents to travel to Salt Lake or get their registrations by mail.

More Rt. A Money?

Commissioner Pete Coleman reported to the commission last week that Glenn Brown, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, told him the difference between the construction contract and the engineer's estimate on Phase 1 of Route C, a \$2 million savings, should be applied to the construction costs of Route A.

"He's holding SB83 hostage in the House until he can meet with the water conservancy district. He's asked the district to put a little pressure on the Bureau of Reclamation to get that money transferred for road relocation instead of out of our district into a tunnel project," he said.

SB83 would allow the district to issue revenue bonds instead of using general obligation bonds which requires an election and which the district fears could fail.

he explained.

Representative Hansen's move could prevent a repeat of what happened when the first contract for relocation of U.S. 40 came in under the estimate and the savings were transferred into a fund to build a tunnel rather than left in the Jordanelle road relocation project.

Supertunnel

The commissioners declared their commitment to protect county interests, particularly water rights, as plans for the Wasatch supertunnel progress.

"There's quite a bit of the property in Wasatch County and ... the vertical lift would be in Wasatch County," Commissioner Coleman said. "One of my concerns is ... the president of the board right now is also president of the Metropolitan Water District in Salt Lake and they're talking about acre-feet they would get delivered to Salt Lake County and the metropolitan area."

He pointed out that water isn't created, only distributed.

"It's real tough for Utah to come up with \$2 million to help us on a road, but they sure can commit \$450 million to this study [for the supertunnel] ... The priorities of the Wasatch Front receive much more attention than the Wasatch Back," he said.

Microfilm Equipment

Recorder-Surveyor Joe Dean Huber recommended that the county put all its records on microfilm. He

said a reader-printer would cost about \$4,800 and wouldn't save money, but it would solve space problems in the county building and preserve the records.

Clerk Jeff Bradshaw agreed with the recommendation, pointing out that a fire could totally destroy all county records and that a large percent of them are not backed up at any other site. Microfilm copies can be stored at the State's vault in Little Cottonwood Canyon. He also suggested that a microfilming department could be set up to serve all county departments.

The commissioners agreed that it was a good idea and requested that Huber research the costs of the equipment and report back.

Deputy Uniform Allowance

The commission granted a request by the sheriff's deputies to pay their clothing allowance of \$600 per year in one annual payment, rather than monthly, so the deputies can take advantage of sales and special offers when they are available.

Horse Facilities

The commission agreed to install metal divider panels to create individual stalls in the county's horse stalls, as requested by local horse show and rodeo promoters. Chairman Allred said the county plans to continue to improve horse facilities as funds become available.